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## Port Dover Maple Leaf

### Lakewood celebrates 75 years of Santa Sales

Students in Ms. Wall's Grade 5/6 class at Lakewood Elementary School posed with their Christmas crafts for the school's upcoming Santa Sale on Saturday, Nov. 30. The class includes Layne Adamson, Blake Concepcion-Vanderbyl, Bryce Dale, Knox Davison, Evan Faulkner, Magnolia Foreman, Memphis Forrest-Jones, Cameron Frank, Colton Galbraith, Amelia Giles, Hazel Good, Konrad Gruba, June Heffernan, Lylah Jouvence, Afina Karida, Kieran Kelly, Daniel Lauchlan, Harper Lonetti, William McCloy, Maxwell Mullett, Austin Nagel, Kylie Oakes, Bri Panko, Lucan Ryerse, Ayla Schram, Tenleigh Smith, and Georgia Steinhoff. Adults shown are (at left) Grade 5/6 teacher Lindsay Wall, (right front) educational assistant C. J. Long, and (right back) parent volunteer Nikki Schram.

By Jacob Fehr  
 THIS Saturday, Nov. 30, Lakewood Elementary School will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Santa Sale, an annual fundraiser and Christmas event. All are welcome at the school from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to check out seasonal art prepared by students, baked goods, a penny table, a book fair, festive items from local vendors, and cookie decorating. Santa Claus himself plans to stop by the event

to visit with children. Started in 1949 by Port Dover Home and School Association as the Fall Fair, the Santa Sale has become a tradition for local public schools. The event began and ran for over 50 years at Port Dover Public School (PDPS), continued at Doverwood Public School after PDPS closed, and will now see its 75th year celebrated at Lakewood Elementary. Lakewood Elementary Parent Council (LEPC) has organized the

Santa Sale for years. LEPC chair Kailey Skinkle told the Maple Leaf about the group's plans for the upcoming anniversary celebration. "The Santa Sale this year will include three separate spaces, each with its own theme," she said. The planned areas will be Santa's Toyshop, Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, and North Pole Mail Depot & Books. At Santa's Toyshop, "guests will find unique crafts created

by each of our Jr. Kindergarten through Grade 6 students, as well as special pieces created by our craft club (comprised of Grade 7 and 8 students)," Ms. Skinkle said. Each year, Lakewood teachers and volunteers lead students in completing crafts to sell at the Santa Sale. "There are also approximately 25 community vendors who will be selling their wares," she added. "One of the most popular sections of Santa's Toyshop is

the yearly 'Penny Table & Lucky Draw' [that] includes over 100 prizes, generously donated by parents and other community members, which are raffled off throughout the event. Lastly, there is an Elves Apprentice table, where our littlest guests can create their own Christmas craft to take home." Mrs. Claus' Kitchen will be the event's bake sale area. In addition to a sugar cookie decorating > See SANTA SALE on page 4

## Norfolk's 10-year capital budget over \$1-billion

By David Judd  
 NORFOLK'S capital budget numbers keep going up. This year for the first time the county budgeted \$1-billion to spend over the next 10 years on capital items, physical things like infrastructure, roads, buildings, vehicles, and equipment.

Next year's 10-year budget tentatively approved last Thursday will climb to more than \$1.1-billion, due in good part to fast-climbing prices for almost everything. Councillors unanimously voted to spend \$59.4-million on capital items in 2025, plus another \$625.1-million between 2026 and

2034. That follows their Oct. 31 vote budgeting \$41.4-million for water and sewer capital items in 2025, plus \$413.1-million between 2026 and 2034. Total for all capital budgets: \$1.13-billion. Councillors have fought to hold the line.

Port Dover Coun. Adam Veri said he's not sure how much there is left to cut in budgets. Budgets are stripped down, he said in an interview. "I don't think there's anything frivolous," he said. "All items have a rationale," he said. "There are no luxuries." The county must buy equip-

ment, keep up with maintenance and repairs and put money into reserves for future budgets, Coun. Veri said. "I don't know how much the public wants to roll the dice on liability and legal issues," he said. For decades, councils gave residents breaks on property taxes > See CAPITAL BUDGET on page 9

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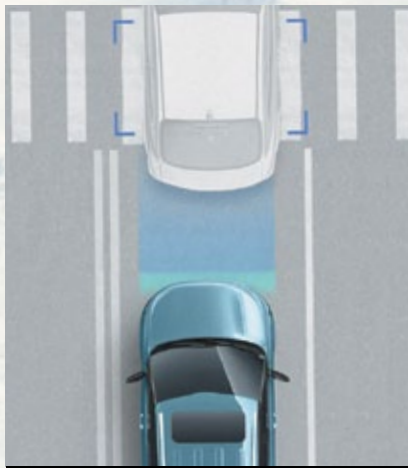
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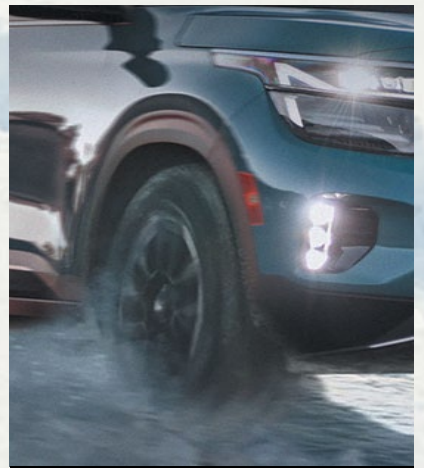
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Kelly Fulsom, owner of Port Dover KIA, and Mike Ramirez, owner of Mike's No Frills, are once again joining forces for a gift drive to benefit local families in need this Christmas. Donations can be made at either Port Dover business until Dec. 18.

# Mike's No Frills and Port Dover KIA's Christmas gift drive benefits local families

AS the holiday season has arrived, Mike's No Frills and Port Dover KIA are once more joining forces for a gift drive to benefit local families in need. The two businesses have collaborated on their "Give to your soul, Help a child Smile" campaign for 13 years, donating all gifts collected to The Salvation Army.

The gift drive started on Nov. 24 and ends on Dec. 18. Donations are accepted at Mike's No Frills, 87 Thompson Dr., and Port Dover KIA, 167 Hamilton Plank Rd.

This year, organizers ask donors to also consider gift ideas for older youth and teens, such as school supplies, fun socks, and personal hygiene items (such as body wash, deodorant, lip balm, razors, nail polish, lotion, and body spray).

Kelly Fulsom, owner of Port Dover KIA, said The Salvation Army does excellent work managing the distribution of gifts it collects.

"We've been inside The Salvation Army's distribution centre and met many of its hard-working volunteers. They really know what they're doing there," he said.

The Salvation Army is seeing an increased need in the community this year

and is currently serving about 500 local families.

"We're grateful there are so many people passionate about helping others around the holidays here in Port Dover and area, where our community always comes out to support local causes. Your donations make a difference," Mr. Fulsom said.

Mike's No Frills owners Mike and Christina Ramirez said their partnership with Port Dover KIA helps them reach more families together than they could separately.

"Our collaboration has amplified the effect of our efforts, making the gift drive a success each and every year," Christina and Mike shared. "But our success depends on local support, and we're incredibly grateful for those residents who want to help."

In recent years, the gift drive has collected hundreds of items. Mr. Fulsom said each one helps someone who needs it.

"We'd like our donors to know their donations are putting smiles on people's faces and making Christmas mornings more magical for people in our backyard," he said.

## LOCAL POSTAL WORKERS PICKET AT POST OFFICE



Canada Post employees picketing outside of Port Dover's post office on Main Street last week. On Nov. 15, the Crown corporation paused mail delivery across Canada as mail carrying staff started to strike for changes to their working conditions and pay, as well as other issues. Employees carried signs with messages such as "protect our pensions," "fair wages," and "we support our negotiations committee." During the week, some passersby chatted with and expressed their support for the picketers. Photo by Earl Hartlen

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# Santa Sale ready to go Saturday at Lakewood

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station, the space will have special treats brought by Lakewood families.

"This year... we have asked our families to bring in something that is special for their family, whatever holiday they might celebrate this time of year," Ms. Skinkle said.

## North Pole Mail Depot & Books

The North Pole Mail Depot & Books will have the school's book fair, which ran throughout the week before the event, and a station for writing letters to Santa.

"Plus, of course, guests can expect a visit from the big guy himself," she said.

Organizers are collecting photos and stories from past Santa Sales to share at the event in celebration of its 75th anniversary.

"The North Pole Mail Depot is down the hall from everything else, and we had hoped to transform this hallway into a trip down memory lane," she said. Organizers are still seeking community members' pictures and memories from Santa Sales past; anyone interested can submit them via email at lakewoodpc@gmail.com.

Ms. Skinkle said LEPC has at least 40 parent volunteers helping with the Santa Sale this year. Organizers and volunteers' tasks include liaising with businesses and families, collecting and organizing various items, such as baked goods and penny table donations, operating the spaces during the event, managing related communications, and co-ordinating all the previously described tasks among the group.

"My role is essentially to provide support for each of our task leads and help wherever it is needed, as well as to liaise with the school to ensure all logistics and planning are covered," she said.

"I also spent the other evening sipping hot chocolate and listening to the Pentatonix Christmas album while hand-painting a new sign for the sale, because it's incredibly difficult not to get caught up in the magic of it all. It isn't yet 100 per cent complete but, you get the idea..."

## Sizeable fundraiser for school

The Santa Sale is a sizeable fundraiser for LEPC, which reinvests the funds into Lakewood Elementary. Ms. Skinkle said the event raised \$6,161.64 last year, and LEPC hopes to raise at least \$5,000 this year.

She mentioned the group hasn't decided how it will spend monies raised at this year's Santa Sale, but "we know we will be contributing to this year's turkey dinner, which is a beautiful community event where all of our students have a turkey lunch catered at the Port Dover Community Centre. Parents who are able can purchase this lunch online, but [LEPC] ensures that every student is able to attend."

"We also have a small 'wish list' from our teachers of extra items that typically aren't covered in the school budget, which will be used to enrich the students' learning in their classrooms," she said.

Other expenses LEPC funds or has funded include a shed for outdoor kindergarten equipment, maintenance on Todd Eaton Memorial Track, playground equipment, and Lakewood's snack program. They also use funds toward "subsidizing or covering the cost of field trips for students



This sign is ready for the Santa Sale at Lakewood Elementary School this Saturday, directing attendees to the different themed spaces at the annual event that has been held since 1949.

who wouldn't otherwise be able to attend."

## Holiday spirit of togetherness

Ms. Skinkle said the Santa Sale reflects the holiday spirit of togetherness.

"The holidays have always been about bringing people together—as families or as communities—and the Lakewood Santa Sale is a shining example of doing exactly this. The entire community, both at the school and Port Dover as a whole, get caught up in the spirit of the season at this cherished local event. The students love bringing their crafts down to the gym the day before and seeing their school transform into a winter wonderland, while helping decorate the Christmas trees adorning the gym and foyer."

She cited the example of a local grandparent who reached out to LEPC this year to tell the group how much they appreciate having a craft made by their granddaughter for the Santa Sale years ago, describing it as one of the best gifts they've had.

Asked why people should support the event, Ms. Skinkle answered, "Because, really, this is just another way that our children fill our lives with joy. And if the funds raised can help bring some joy back to them at school, how could you possibly say no?"

## Classes prepare crafts

The Maple Leaf visited Ms. Lindsay Wall's Grade 5/6 class at Lakewood last Friday to check out the Christmas crafts they were working on for the Santa Sale. She said they were making "Christmas gnomes with candy cane handles."

"We're fortunate to have Nikki Schram [of Art With Heart] here today," she said. Ms. Schram's daughter, Ayla, is a student in the class.

Ms. Wall said she waits until after Remembrance Day each year to celebrate Christmas with her class, but after that, "they have no choice," she joked.

"Lots of carols going, songs... I like to make it feel like home," she said. The classroom's smartboard screen had a fireplace on with classic Christmas songs such as *Sleigh Ride* playing in the background.

"I went to Port Dover Public and the Santa Sale's still going so I get excited about it. Tradition is important," she said.

# Report of the first Santa Sale in 1949 at Port Dover Public

*IN the Maple Leaf published on Friday, December 2, 1949, the paper reported on the success of the fair held at the town's public school. Seventy-five years later, the event, now known as the Santa Sale, is a local institution. This is the newspaper's report of the first event in 1949.*

A well organized and well-planned event, that met with generous response from the general public was the Fall Fair sponsored by Port Dover Home and School Association and staged in the local school on Saturday afternoon last—and was the outstanding success it deserved to be.

The weather was ideal for such an occasion, and a large crowd was in attendance throughout the entire afternoon.

Upon entering the school building, attention was at once directed to the posters displayed on all doors, designating what was being offered for sale in each particular classroom. Mrs. Parker Leney displayed a grand variety of good things to eat, and which could not be passed up without a visit—and patronage. The candy booth, in charge of Mrs. Grant Hawke, was most attractive and with all shapes and varieties of 'luscious candy for sale, was as popular and well patronized as the home baking booth.

And there was fun for all who visited Mrs. Wm. Parkinson's "treasure chest" and choosing a surprise package.

The rummage and toy departments were in charge of Mrs. Hugh Smithson and Mrs. M. E. Gilbert, and this booth did a proverbial "land office business" with receipts appreciably helping in making the day a big success.

Mrs. Jas. H. Goodall had a lovely array of gifts for the whole family. The fish pond, always a favorite attraction for the young folks, was well patronized, and was in charge of Mrs. Allan M. Wicker.

## Afternoon Tea

No "fair" could ever be complete without hot dogs and cokes, and Mr.

Jack Reid and his committee were kept busy in keeping up to the demands for an appetizing "quick lunch"—with all the relish one desired.

The children especially enjoyed the fine program of movies arranged and operated by Mr. Allan M. Wicker.

The "plant" booth, convened and attended by Mrs. Ross Hallam, had many varieties to choose from and received generous patronage.

Last, but by no means least, was an attractive tea room convened by Mrs. Gerald J. Clark, and few if any visitors to the fair were able to pass this attractive tea room setting without dropping in for a cup o' tea and light lunch. The school desks were made attractive with dainty place mats and colorful vases containing a rose. The tea table was tastefully arranged by Mrs. Ray H. Ivey, Mrs. Wm. C. Laycock, and Mrs. Henry G. Edgar. Grade VII girls assisted with the serving.

## Win door prizes

Mrs. Louis Kolbe was in charge of the door prize tickets, which were sold by pupils of Grades VI to X. The lucky tickets were drawn by Mrs. W. H. Barrett and the winners were (1) Barrie Kennington, watch, and (2) L. Robinson, doll.

The staging of the "fair" meant a lot of planning and hard work by the members of the various committees in charge, but it paid off in the generous patronage of citizens of Port Dover, who quickly appreciate every worthwhile community effort—and the Home and School Association will have about \$500.00 toward the purchase of a movie projector which they plan to present to the school as soon as sufficient funds are raised.

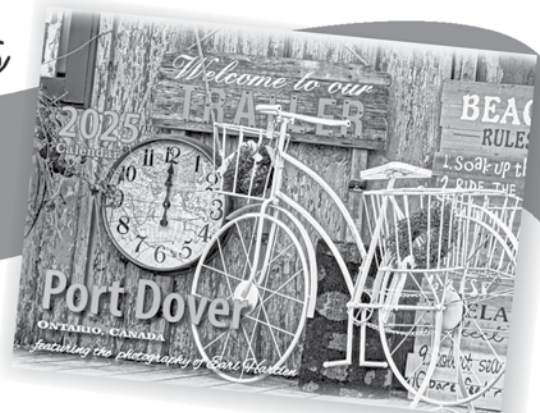
Congratulations, everybody!

## Thank you!

Mrs. J. E. Maytham and her various convenors and assistants wish to say "thank you" to the parents and teachers for the generous donations, and the general public for their kind support which made Saturday's "fair" such a huge success.

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# Tom Butler Hockey Tournament success part of growing Port Dover Minor Hockey

By Jan Dean



Hockey action at the Tom Butler Memorial Hockey Tournament for U11 and U13 players recently held at Port Dover Arena.

THESE days, minor hockey is so popular in Port Dover that Port Dover Minor Hockey Association (PDMHA) can't take everyone who might want to play.

"Registration was up this year from 150 to 180 kids but we had to close registrations because of ice time," said PDMHA director and community relations coordinator Marg Ryerse. "We just couldn't put any more teams on ice."

Though they got an hour back that they lost last year, PDMHA only has 20 hours of ice time at the Port Dover rink. They are currently discussing ice time issues with Norfolk County.

Keeping kids on the ice doesn't come cheap, with one hour of ice time costing the organization \$159. That puts their weekly ice bills at \$3,400 per week.

That's one reason Marg says sponsors are so important to the organization. They try to keep registration as affordable as possible.

"Our volunteers and sponsors are priceless as we navigate the increased operating funds requirements," she said.

Every Friday the 13th, the PDMHA partners with the Port Dover Board of

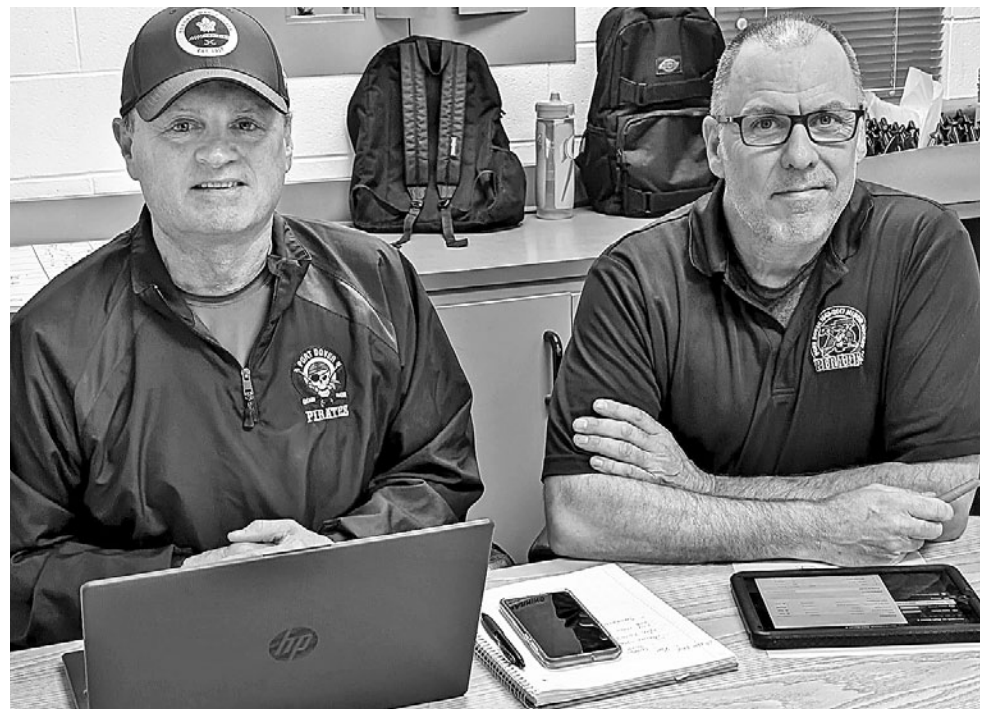
Trade for a beer tent. Money raised at that event will be used to buy new jerseys—the old ones are 13 years old and badly need to be replaced.

Also new and very much appreciated this year were the new dressing rooms at Port Dover Arena.

A flooring issue has kept the new dressing rooms closed for now but they will be using them soon. Those new rooms will be needed for the Hockey Jamboree this December.

They're also working on getting the concession stand open. At the Tom Butler Memorial Hockey Tournament and the Hockey Jamboree, Scotlynn volunteers provided some of the manpower to keep the concession open.

The Tom Butler Memorial Hockey Tournament was a "roaring success" again this year. Tournament sponsors included Cobb & Jones, Norfolk Hearing, Carpet One, Northshore Health, Black & McDonald, Port Dover Jewellery, Breedyk Farms, McKeil Marine, Cossar Diesel, MTH Fabrication, World's Finest Shows, and Norfolk Milk Committee. PDMHA sold



Port Dover Minor Hockey Association directors Pat Meahan and Kevin Bradt were the tournament directors.



Taking a shift on the ticket table at the Tom Butler Memorial Hockey Tournament at Port Dover and Area Arena are Kaylin Simpson and Liz Hammill.

300 pucks for chuck-a-puck.

Eight teams played in the U11 division. They were Simcoe 1 Warriors, Cayuga 1 Stars, Belmont Rangers, Port Dover Pirates, Cayuga 2 Stars, Simcoe 2 Warriors, Paris Wolfpack and Dresden Jr. Kings.

The eight teams playing in the U13 division were Cayuga Stars, Pelham Panthers, Port Dover 1 Pirates, Erin-Hillsburgh Devils, Caledonia Thunder, Norwich Nighthawks, Delhi Rockets and the Port Dover 2 Pirates.

Liz Hammill volunteered to help out by selling raffle and 50/50 tickets while her 11-year-old son played his first game in the tournament. Beside her at the table was Port Dover Pirates player Kaylin Simpson.

By late Sunday afternoon, the Tom Butler Memorial Tournament was decided with U13 winner Caledonia Thunder and U11 winner Simcoe 2 Warriors.

At right: While his mom volunteered, 11-year-old Ben Hammill, #21 on the U13 Port Dover 1 Pirates, helped his team take a 3-2 win over the Cayuga Stars.



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Of course, big businesses do this because they know there's

a massive market of Christmas commerce in November and December. They count on customers to come out and check names off their holiday lists.

For those who don't like the bustle of big box stores or prefer to support local shops, there's another way to find savings coming quickly with Christmas Beyond the Corner

in Port Dover from 6–9 p.m. on December 4. This event will see stores in town providing special holiday deals and lots of unique items.

Be sure to check out what's available from your favourite local businesses during Christmas Beyond the Corner. You might find something you like or that perfect gift for a price you love.

# A century of care and a vision for the future

## THE AGING HOSPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE NO LONGER MEETS THE NEEDS OF NORFOLK

### AMY MARTIN



Mayor, Norfolk County

AS Norfolk County's only hospital approaches its centennial, the need for a new, modern facility has never been more pressing. Originally built in 1925, Norfolk General Hospital (NGH) has long been a cornerstone of the community, providing essential healthcare services to residents for nearly a century. Despite several upgrades over the years, including an expansion nearly 40 years ago to accommodate long-term care, the aging infrastructure no longer meets the needs of Norfolk's growing and evolving population.

In fact, this issue hits close to home for me as my dad sat as president of the board when the long-term care facility officially opened. Oddly enough, it was an addition to the building with a beautiful sunroom and an enclosed space that was ventilated for smokers. The smoking space was later closed and patients



The present-day Norfolk General Hospital on West Street in Simcoe has seen numerous additions since the original hospital opened a century ago. The original hospital, shown at right, is at the left in photo above.

*Aerial photo by Earl Hartlen and pilot Brent Smith*



needed to be wheeled outside to smoke. My grandmother resided at the new facility, calling it home.

NGH has continued to rise to the occasion, serving residents with a wide array of services. However, the numbers tell a story of a community whose needs are quickly outpacing the hospital's resources. Over the last year alone, the hospital has seen significant growth in the volume of medical procedures and diagnostic tests, underscoring the immense strain on existing facilities and staff. From 2023–2024 NGH performed:

- 6,377 ultrasounds
- 17,103 X-rays
- 13,441 CT scans
- 1,835 surgeries
- 3,260 mammograms
- 3,553 hospital admissions
- And 177 baby deliveries!

These figures reflect a thriving but demanding healthcare environment, where dedicated staff are busier than ever. With 700 employees, including 145 physicians, and over 260 volunteers, not to mention the countless amazing nurses who keep the hospital running, Norfolk General has become a lifeline for the community, with services that have become increasingly critical. However, the limitations of a nearly century-old building are all too apparent.

Norfolk General's annual operating costs hover around \$72-million, yet last year the hospital ended the fiscal year with a \$1,251 deficit. The growing costs associated with maintaining aging infrastructure have contributed to this deficit, underscoring the

urgent need for a new, efficient, and technologically advanced facility. But not to worry, Norfolk General Hospital Foundation has secured a new CEO to join the very capable team and create the push for a new facility. Emma Rogers is running the Foundation office with an incredibly high success rate in securing new funds for monitoring equipment for the emergency room and a new mammography unit and she's only been on board for a year.

Understanding the critical role of NGH, Norfolk County's municipal government has made advocating for a new hospital a top priority. Local officials, recognizing the immense value of a modern hospital, are working closely with the Norfolk General Hospital Foundation and other community partners to secure the necessary funding and support.

To bolster this commitment, Norfolk County has engaged in discussions with provincial and federal representatives, aiming to secure funding and explore creative financing solutions. In recent meetings with provincial leaders, municipal officials advocated for greater investment in healthcare infrastructure within the region, highlighting the unique challenges faced by a rural hospital that also serves a significant seasonal population due to Norfolk's status as a popular destination.

Norfolk County has undertaken work through the Urban Boundary expansion that is under review with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs now. This plan secured a designation for a poten-

tial new location for the hospital and other healthcare amenities to come together, providing Norfolk County with a new campus of care. Norfolk County is also preparing to make a \$5-million dollar contribution to NGH Foundation from returns off the top of the Legacy Fund to kickstart this cause.

The construction of a new hospital would not only ensure that Norfolk's residents receive the best possible care but would also have long-term economic benefits. A modern healthcare facility attracts top medical talent and allows for the addition of advanced services that the current hospital cannot accommodate. Additionally, it would provide a state-of-the-art environment for Norfolk General's dedicated employees, physicians, nurses, and volunteers, all of whom have shown unwavering commitment to patient care under increasingly challenging conditions.

Much like the classic "chicken and egg" dilemma, Norfolk County finds itself at a crossroads: should growth come before new services, or should improved services be in place to attract growth? A new hospital will strengthen Norfolk's appeal as a place to live and work, but a modest population increase would also support the case for better healthcare infrastructure. With carefully planned development, Norfolk County can encourage an influx of new residents, which in turn creates a stronger demand for essential services, including state-of-the-art healthcare.

By strategically welcoming new development and population growth, the municipality can help establish a sustainable foundation for both the new hospital and the overall economic health of the region.

Norfolk General's staff is nothing short of extraordinary. Our nurses, doctors, and healthcare professionals work day and night, and they deserve a facility that matches their dedication. A new hospital is not just about buildings and equipment; it's about honouring the commitment of our healthcare heroes and ensuring a healthy future for Norfolk residents.

A project of this magnitude requires not only municipal advocacy but also the full backing of the community. The support of Norfolk County residents is critical as plans move forward. Community involvement can take many forms, from participating in fundraising efforts to voicing support in public forums. Every individual and every business has an opportunity to be part of this transformative project that will benefit generations to come.

The journey toward a new hospital in Norfolk County is well underway, thanks to the determination of local leaders, the vision of Foundation CEO Emma Rogers and hospital CEO Todd Stepanuk, and the dedication of Norfolk General's healthcare professionals. With a shared commitment and united vision, the community is stepping forward to secure the modern healthcare facility Norfolk County needs and deserves.



Norfolk County Mayor Amy Martin and Emma Rogers, CEO of Norfolk General Hospital Foundation.





# IT IS POSSIBLE TO PUSH BACK AT PROVINCE Growth is not paying for growth!

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Queen's Park Report

YOU may remember back at the end of August I wrote about my work in Ottawa at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and, in that column, I told you I made it my mission to find out whether other municipalities were receiving additional funds beyond regular allocations.

It was the following answer that appeared in my column that got me an online tongue lashing by a local municipal official: "That question was met with laughter because no municipality is getting money above and beyond what is typically sent from Queen's Park, despite which stripe their MPP represents."

At both AMO and the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) I repeatedly hear municipalities are drowning, they cannot keep up with the growth. Then there are those municipal leaders who have guzzled the juice and believe adding more people is the path to prosperity.

The reality of what we see happening across Ontario is that when areas grow too much and too fast, the infrastructure in small towns and cities buckles.

Growth is not paying for growth!

At both AMO and ROMA I've encouraged municipal leaders to say no to growth until they are confident the province will partner for a better path forward. I've encouraged local councils to push back, to which I've been told, "We can't."

Well, apparently, they can.

Oxford County Council last week tabled a resolution that said Oxford County residents are already experiencing consequences from the high rate of growth, which includes homelessness, mental health supports, addiction supports, encampment response, housing availability and attainability, lack of primary medical care, and lack of adequate school spaces. Council also conveyed concern with growth pressure on green space and agricultural land. Warden Marcus Ryan will write to the Doug Ford government, indicating Oxford County cannot continue to accommodate the rate and level of growth directed by the province.

By way of background, Oxford County is an upper-tier municipality made up of elected officials from eight area municipalities: Blandford-Blenheim, East Zorra-Tavistock, Ingersoll, Norwich, South-West Oxford, Tillsonburg, Woodstock, and Zorra.

Each town/city/township has its own mayor and council, and I will add that they are all represented provincially by a member of the PC Government at Queen's Park.

One of the mayors who sits at the Oxford County table is Deb Gilvesy, who heads Tillsonburg Town Council, where one-third of the town's population will soon be without primary care.

Ms. Gilvesy says people in her community are sad, they have no hope, and she has been beating the same drum as me for two years claiming growth does not pay for growth. She says, and I agree, under the current conditions, taxpayers are being saddled with large tax increases because councils are struggling to table responsible budgets. Growth is not paying for growth!

Don't get me wrong, not all growth is bad. When it is good, the horse goes before the cart and the development/growth is managed and supported appropriately by all levels of government.

Pushing pause and pushing stop are two different things and Oxford County is pressing pause so they may be responsible to the taxpayers they serve. I encourage other municipalities including Haldimand and Norfolk to join with Oxford County and push back and push pause. I maintain we must take stock; we must ensure all citizens are supported and their families have access to the services they rely upon daily.

Elected officials are supposed to represent the will of most people they serve, and I want to thank and commend Oxford County Council on being courageous and representing the will of its people.



Shown holding the 2025 Community Living Access Lottery Cash Calendars are, from left, Aparam A., Lucas Wilson, Shannon Wardell, and Anik Ferdous.

## CL Access' Lottery Cash Calendar celebrating 10th year of fundraiser

COMMUNITY Living Access (CL Access) launched its 2025 Lottery Cash Calendar, marking the 10th anniversary of this popular fundraiser. The calendar again highlights the hidden gems and landmarks in Norfolk and Haldimand counties and also raffles off \$8,000 in cash prizes.

"We are extremely grateful by the continued support from our community over the past decade," said Tricia Morris, executive director of CL Access. "The stunning photos and the enthusiasm for the Lottery Cash Calendar truly showcase what a vibrant community we live in."

CL Access said it received hundreds of community-submitted photos "capturing the heart

and soul of Norfolk/Haldimand."

In addition to serving as a calendar, the Lottery Cash Calendar offers 52 weekly chances to win from a total prize pool of \$8,000, including a special \$1,300 draw on Friday the 13th.

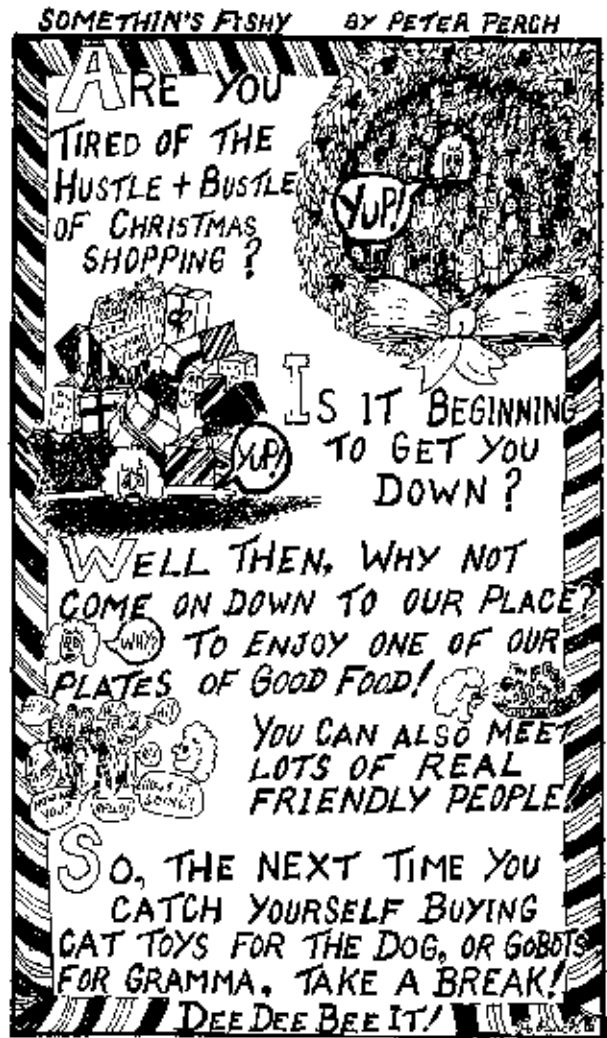
Every dollar raised goes directly toward CL Access. Their mission is to advocate with, empower and support people with disabilities to live the lives they choose.

"We are thrilled to continue this annual tradition for so many of getting a chance to win while supporting Community Living Access. The 2025 Lottery Cash Calendar is not just a ticket; it's a year-long lottery and a fun way to make a positive impact on our

community," said Ms. Morris

The agency began supporting people in 1991 as a response to the closing of large institutions in Ontario. CL Access was guided by self-advocates and families to shape supports and services that were individualized and community based.

Calendars can be purchased online at [CommunityLivingAccess.ca](http://CommunityLivingAccess.ca), at CL Access office at 89 Culver St., Simcoe, and at retail locations, including Stoney's Home Hardware and Port Dover Jewellery. A complete list of retailers can be found on their website. As these calendars typically sell out, CL Access encourages everyone to act fast and buy early to avoid disappointment.



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# Sailors “not getting any breaks”



Busy ice: The Port Dover Arena ice seemed crowded with Sailors and Peach Kings wherever the puck went at Sunday’s game.

By Jan Dean

THE Sailors Junior C hockey game on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24, against the Grimsby Peach Kings started pretty evenly.

In the first 10 minutes of the first period both teams were getting their bearings.

Clearly, the Peach Kings got going with a goal at 9:17 from Robbie Denham. At 9:34, Denham struck again to put them up two. The third goal of the period was by Grimsby’s Hunter Zoccoli.

The score for the period was a lopsided 0-3, but the Sailors took 13 shots against Grimsby’s 12 – the only period when the Sailors outshot their opponents.

In the second period Grimsby pressed hard. At 4:14 Grimsby’s Matthew Mongeau scored; at 5:14 Grimsby’s Ben Switzer scored. Matthew Mongeau’s goal at 8:42 put Grimsby up 0-6.

Finally, the Sailors got on the scoreboard with a goal from Trevor Nunn, assisted by Brady Seibert and Dylan Courier at 14:48 in the second period. At 16:35 Sailor Markus Dempewolf improved the score with a second goal, assisted by Trevor Nunn and Matt McRuer.

The score didn’t stay at 2-6 in the game for very long.

At 19:30 in the second period Grimsby’s Ethan Bolibruck scored.

The Sailors never stopped trying but just couldn’t put the puck in the net

during the third period.

The game got progressively rougher as time passed. Over the first two periods both teams took the same number of penalties but Grimsby tightened their discipline and only took one penalty in the third while the Sailors picked up four.

At 15:08 in the third, two players got majors for fighting.

After that, the penalties stopped and Grimsby went back to scoring. At 15:42 Luke Hearn scored and the final goal of the game came at 16:16 when Grimsby’s Robbie Denham scored.

The game ended with the Sailors losing 2-9. The Peach Kings committed six infractions for 15 penalty minutes while the Sailors committed nine infractions for a total of 29 penalty minutes.

Grimsby’s goalie Tucker Adams got the win after stopping 24 of 26 shots.

Sailors’ goalie Kiefer MacNeil got the loss and stopped 16 of 22 shots in the first and second period, plus the 14 of 16 shots he stopped in the third period. He was relieved for 11 minutes



in the second period by Sailor goalie Alex Csizmadia who stopped 6 of the 7 shots he faced.

Sailors head coach Kevin Miket was rendered philosophical by the game.

“When it rains it pours,” said Miket. “It just feels like these guys have to work twice as hard and they’re not getting any breaks. Back to work on Tuesday for practice.”

Sunday was a brutal loss but the Sailors also had a rough time last Friday night in Dunnville against the Mudcats. That game ended with the Sailors 4, Mudcats 6.

In that game the penalty minutes were similar but the Mudcats outshot the Sailors 52 to 43.

What the Sailors, their coaching staff and their fans want is a win—preferably a streak of wins.

Meanwhile there are some exciting things happening around the rink.

Sunday, Dec. 8, is the Sailors’ annual turkey raffle and collection for the food bank. Bring a non-perishable donation to the game for the Port Dover and Area Lifeline Food Bank and you get a ticket for the turkey raffles. Winning tickets will be drawn every period.

On Sunday, Dec. 15, the Sailors and Port Dover Minor Hockey Association are joining forces for the second annual Luke Johnson Teddy Bears for Hope Game. Luke lost his battle with cancer in July at the age of 8 years. To honour his courage and memory, the PDMHA will retire his #2 jersey.

The organizations will be raffling off Bulldogs tickets with proceeds going to the Norfolk Haldimand Community Hospice. All the teddy bears collected will be donated to Caring for Cancer in Simcoe.

The concession stand will be open (cash only) thanks to Scotlynn volunteers with all proceeds going to the Norfolk Haldimand Community Hospice and PDMHA.

Every child wearing their Minor Hockey jersey and carrying a teddy bear will get free admission.

The Sailors have a busy week coming up. On Thursday, they play Dundas Blues in a 7:30 p.m. game.

On Friday, the Sailors play the Mudcats in Dunnville at 7:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 1, the Sailors will take on the visiting Streetsville Derbys at 2 p.m. at Port Dover Arena.

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Norfolk COUNTY



# Capital budget \$1-billion

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and now things are close to impossible, Coun. Veri said.

Councillors got an eye-watering example of higher prices last Thursday as they approved the purchase of four new fire trucks.

Pumper 1: October 2023 budget \$825,000; today \$1.3-million, up \$528,000;

Pumper 2: October 2023 \$770,000; today \$1.3-million, up \$583,000;

Tanker: October 2023 \$725,000; today \$1.3-million, up \$578,000;

Aerial fire truck: October 2023 \$1.9-million; today \$2.7-million, up \$857,000.

Council is scheduled to set 2025 property taxes in January.

The increase for the average home is expected to be slightly less than the 7.5 per cent previously forecast, Treasurer Amy Fanning told councillors last Thursday.

Higher capital spending will account for 4 per cent of the tax increase.

## Port Dover infrastructure projects planned for 2025

### Reconstruction projects:

- New Lakeshore Road, watermain upgrade, \$2.6-million;
- Walker Street, Main Street to lift bridge, \$1-million;
- Lasalle Street, Inglewood to Sunninghill and Oak Knoll Street, \$2.1-million;
- Emily Street, Inglewood Drive to south end, \$1.1-million;
- Grace Street, Glenwood Street, Drayton Street, Sloan Street, \$2.6-million;
- Water Street, Grace Street to Sloan Street, \$2.6-million;
- Market Street West, St. George Street to Water Street, \$660,000.

### Asphalt resurfacing:

- Mergl Drive, Dixon Drive to Rose-lawn Court, \$470,000;
- Blueline Road, Highway 6 to Highway 3, \$2.5-million.

### Surface treatment:

- New Lakeshore Road, east of Lakeview Avenue to East Quarterline, \$113,000.
- Stormwater pond rehabilitation:
  - Somerset and other ponds, \$400,000.

### Other projects:

- Port Dover Harbour Marina, air conditioning installation, \$25,000;
- Port Dover Harbour Marina, sewer inspection and cleanout, \$20,000;
- Port Dover Arena, ice rink floor and boards replacement, \$1.8-million;
- Port Dover Arena, replace two rooftop HVAC units, \$105,000;
- Port Dover EMS Base, furnace and AC replacement, \$18,000;
- Port Dover lighthouse, framing repairs, \$25,000;
- Nelson Street, shoreline protection, \$465,000.

## LIGHTHOUSE CLEANED UP



The weather has been mild enough this November that last week the lighthouse received a power wash and was cleaned up for the holidays. Photographer Hoss Fallak captured “our awesome lighthouse getting a spruce up.”

## Hospital Nursing Home holds Christmas Bazaar

NORFOLK Hospital Nursing Home (NHNH) is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the NHNH Activity Room (corner of Elgin Ave. and Robinson St.).

The Christmas Bazaar directly benefits the NHNH Residents Council. Every dollar raised funds essential programs and activities that enhance the well-being and quality of life for residents.

The event features a penny table with generous donations from local businesses, exciting raffles, games, pictures with Santa, an “ugly” Christmas sweater contest and a selection of homemade baked goods. Additionally, local vendors will showcase their unique items... perfect for holiday shopping.

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On Sunday, Dec. 8, see an exhibition of photos, paintings, and poems from his trip at Mass Market Gallery

# Riley Keen's travels in Japan

By Jacob Fehr

NORFOLK County resident Riley Keen recently returned from a seven-month stay in Japan. On Sunday, Dec. 8, he's hosting an exhibition of photos, paintings, and poems from his trip at Mass Market Gallery, 230 St. George St., from 12-4 p.m. The Maple Leaf contacted him for more information about his experience and exhibit.

Mr. Keen explained that he decided to visit the country because "Japan just looked like the perfect place to think and hopefully grow as a visual artist."

"It looked so peaceful. Everyone knows Japan cares about everything. I wanted to learn what it means to devote your entire self to your passion," he said.

Japan is one of more than 30 countries where Canadians can take a working holiday, a trip during which one works to fund their travel. There is an application process and eligibility criteria. Successful applicants receive a visa enabling them to earn income as a traveller. Japan only accepts applications from Canadians aged 18-30. Mr. Keen recommends this type of travel for other young people.

"The working holiday visa allowed me to stay in Japan longer

and earn income to fund the trip. [It's] a beautiful, beautiful thing that every twenty-year-old should take advantage of," he said.

Out of the dozens of countries he could visit for a working holiday, "Japan seemed the most interesting," he said.

Asked how life and people in Japan compare to Canada, Mr. Keen said it's difficult to answer because he's not Japanese. "I will never fully understand what it means to be Japanese or what life is truly like," he said.



Riley Keen's favourite place in Japan is the home of Norinoriko-san and her husband Yoshinogawa-san in the small town of Yakuno—a town that, he says, resembles Green's Corners. "They consider themselves my o-bachan (grandma) and ojichan (grandpa). They didn't speak any English but they brought me into their home, fed me amazing home cooking and invited me back for their town's summer festival where I hung out with their entire family. A once in a lifetime experience."

"The country and its people are an enigma. They are different than us. Their understanding of respect, loyalty and devotion to themselves, family, education, art, hobbies, job, community and country reach far beyond anything the West can comprehend. Sure, their devotion to country can be seen as a government ignited complex but Japan is beautiful, rich, safe and ever-growing. The people work tirelessly to keep it that way. They are on another level, a level I will never reach

nor understand. What they can accomplish knows no limits. It's like they have more hours in a day than the rest of us. I have no idea how it's possible."

After underscoring the edges of his understanding, he shared observations on Japanese life from his perspective. The respect he witnessed in Japan stood out to him.

"Life in Japan looks difficult but it also looks very fun. It's a country of 'work hard, play hard and also relax hard.' Everything is done with extreme purpose, I can tell you that. The people are generous, understanding, soft and beautifully respectful. I will miss the level of respect everyone (and I mean everyone) has for one another," he said.

He connected Japan's culture of respect to the cleanliness of its roads.

"The streets of Japan are spotless. There is no litter. It's just more about respect. Respect for community, nature and your fellow human," he elaborated. "The respect really just blows me away."

During his trip, Mr. Keen trekked from Tokyo to Kyoto on foot for three months, walking 348 km of southern countryside. The walk left a lasting impression on him.



"Kamakura is my favourite town in Japan," Mr. Keen said. "An hour by train from Tokyo and on the ocean. In ancient Japan, it was the seat of the Kamakura Shogunate from 1185 to 1333 and now considered an Ancient Capital with Kyoto and Nara."

"My time walking from Tokyo to Kyoto has been the greatest experience of my life," he shared. "I cannot begin to explain the smiles I met or the landscapes I conquered. No one will ever understand the things I saw or accomplished. No one would believe me. The memories of the road are all mine."

His time on the road allowed him to make new friends seeking > Continued on next page

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# Appreciating Japanese life

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"I met many like-minded people working in the hostels. Mainly locals and some others from around the globe. We'd work a couple hours a day then spend the evenings cooking, painting, watching movies, exploring, talking and drinking together. Friends that I will hopefully see again before it's too late," he said.

Along the way, he spent considerable time in rural areas. Later he worked for a month on a tea farm in the mountains in Yame on the island of Kyushu. He said his experience in Japan's rural regions was like life in Norfolk.

"The rural areas reminded me very much of home. Aged population, hard working farmers, small business owners galore and many genuine smiles," he said.

"The grandmothers offered me water in the heat and umbrellas when I was walking in the rain. The mornings are busy and the streets become silent at night. At times I did feel like I was back in Norfolk. Not much different, honestly."

However, one difference he found between home and Japan was his experience of the sun, which he said seemed "much brighter and hotter in Japan."

"I missed the summer sun in Norfolk. It's friendlier like a hug or a cozy blanket. The colour of the light is more saturated too. Japan sun is just trying to murder you," he said.

When he wasn't walking across the country, Mr. Keen traversed by public transit. He praised Japan's transit system for its simplicity.

"I can't imagine another foreign language country being as easy to navigate as Japan. The Japanese are incredibly visually driven so signage is mainly well-designed iconography, making it understandable in any language. The transit system is the purest form of controlled chaos. Once you get used to the intricate web of the mapping it's easy to understand. Everything they do is so simple. That's the key."

He said it was also easy to communicate with people in Japan because most of the folks he met were learning English. A few months before the end of his trip, he started learning Japanese and found that "it's a surprisingly simple language to speak but reading and listening are incredibly difficult."

Another aspect of Japanese



Tsukahara Karafuro, Shikoku: a 1,300-year-old dry sauna that has treated the ailing bodies of samurai, monks, elders, royalty, and Riley Keen.

life he now appreciates is the diet.

"The diet is so healthy. For seven months I just made big noodle soups, drank tea and ate the freshest fish. No dairy, portions are tiny and eating with chopsticks makes you eat slower. I'm sure that's the case for most of Asia though."

Natto, or fermented beans, is a distinctly Japanese dish he enjoyed. "So cheap and really healthy. A pack of those in the morning keeps you moving all day," he said.

Mr. Keen will display his appreciation for Japan during his upcoming exhibit, which he described as "a hodgepodge of what I created on the road."

"Photographs, paintings and poems that hopefully tell the story of my travels since I cannot explain the travels myself," he said.

"The main work is 3 foot by 3 foot that I cut into 30 pieces, stuffed in an envelope and sent back home via Japan Post. Paid a pretty penny to ensure they made



Ichimonjiya Wasuke, Kyoto: "A beautiful tea house just outside the walls of the Imperial Palace serving traditional mochi using a recipe unchanged for over 1,000 years."

it home," he said. He planned to print his photography after returning to Norfolk rather than taking it home with him.

While reflecting on his work, he illustrated the artistic journey he experienced in Japan.

"When I arrived [in] Japan, my skill with paint was constricted by my mind. My insecurities with a paintbrush plagued my ability to create anything from the heart. I was scared to create. I was creating for other people. My goal for Japan was to practice, research and absorb as much visual stimulation as possible. I wanted to learn to paint for myself. I spent my downtime painting in parks, [on] sides of highways, in bed under lamplight, [on] city benches, [in] coffee shops, you name it. Anytime inspiration hit, I forced

myself to paint. I needed to gain confidence with a brush. The fear was starting to eat away at me.

"Before I left for Japan, I knew I wanted to create something. Along the way I was hoping some great idea would pop in my head and I would paint and present that. In the meantime, I would practice by painting whatever I felt like. No fear. By the fifth month I realized that my painting was actually improving. I was really practicing, researching and absorbing. All I had was sketchbooks full of random doodles, however, it was my process.

"In Japan I learned the importance of process. You should never have an end goal. End goals are a hindrance to your process. Life is only about process. We will > See RILEY KEEN on page 13

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# Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookie campaign benefitted local library

LAST week, Tim Hortons held its Holiday Smile Cookie campaign, which annually raises funds for charitable causes in communities across Canada. This year, Port Dover's Tim Hortons raised funds for Norfolk County Public Library's (NCPL) initiative to create a space for youth at Port Dover's branch.

NCPL CEO Julie Kent said the library was approached by local owners Mary Blakemore and Kaer Saffouri to be the recipients of the fundraising this year "and of course we said, 'absolutely.'"

"It is a fabulous experience for the library board, who volunteer to come and put icing on—happy faces on the cookies,

and we have a few staff that also come, including myself," said Ms. Kent.

Norfolk County Public Library has identified a need at the Port Dover branch for youth initiatives and the fundraising will go towards establishing a space specifically for youth.

"Perhaps we can put together a teen film club, a teen book club, or a digital animation team. Anything we can do at the Port Dover branch to empower and inspire teens and give them not only a place to be that's a sanctuary and it's safe and it's fun, but they can acquire a skillset and some knowledge to really express themselves, whether it's creatively or a skill with 3D



Shown decorating Smile Cookies at Port Dover Tim Hortons are, left to right, Lisa Marr (Norfolk County Public Library Board member), Kaer Saffouri (Tim Hortons Port Dover & Simcoe store owner), and Julie Kent (CEO, Norfolk County Public Library).



First Port Dover Pathfinders decorated Smile Cookies at Tim Hortons in Port Dover as part of their community service. Pictured above are leaders Sheila Chambers and Susan Chambers, at left, with front row, Molly, Aubrey, Paige, Alyce, Gemma and in back row, Adalyn, EllaRose, Lexi, Aubree, Jae, and Kenzie.

printing, that's our intent and that's our aim," Ms. Kent said.

NCPL board member Lisa Marr of Port Dover said, "We have a tremendous board that volunteers to supervise in an advisory capacity for the library, and so this is just one of the things we do to help raise funds for all those things that we really want to put into the community, and in this case, make sure youth have a great reason to come to the library and get a library card and fall in love with the library like we all have."

Mr. Saffouri explained, "The [funds are] going 50 per cent to the library, specifically for Port Dover here for the youth initiative

support in our community, and the other 50 per cent is going to Tim Hortons camps."

With sales off to a good start early last week, Mr. Saffouri said, "I think we're exceeding expectations."

At week's end, approximately \$4,500 was raised at Port Dover's Tim Hortons and \$6,250 at the Simcoe store.

In September, Ms. Kent completed a report on the social return on investment (SROI) of municipal dollars used to fund NCPL in 2023. Her report indicated that NCPL provided a 696 per cent return on investment, or \$6.96 in social value generated for the community for each dollar of municipal funding it spends.



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Taylor Swift's chai, cinnamon & vanilla sugar cookie.

WELL, the glitter has settled, the friendship bracelets traded, and the Toronto stop of Taylor Swift's Eras Tour is over. If you were one of the fortunate 240,000 concertgoers, I'm sure it was one of the best days of your life.

In a house of Swifties (including myself), my girls were excited I made Taylor Swift's famous Chai Sugar Cookies last week for the occasion.

Taylor originally baked them for her 1989 Secret Sessions listening party, back in 2014. She described them as tasting like "Christmas in September" which also makes for the perfect holiday cookie. It's a simple sugar cookie that gets its mild chai flavour from a tea bag. Just cut open the tea packet and dump! Easier yet (I do love easy!), use a sugar cookie mix!

Tea leaves in your cookies? Yes. Be fearless, and shake it off, shake it off, cause the bakers gonna bake bake bake bake bake. Then don your favourite cardigan, light a candle, make a cup of tea and put on your favourite Taylor Swift album and enjoy these cookies evermore!

It may be karma that you like them all too well. After one bite, you may wish it was forever winter. Like your very own love story! And remember, two is better than one, especially when it comes to cookies!

**TAYLOR SWIFT'S CHAI SUGAR COOKIES**

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*Makes: 22 cookies*

**Cookie Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup butter, room temperature
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup icing sugar
- 1 large egg
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt—omit if using salted butter
- 1 chai tea bag

**Icing Ingredients**

- 1 cup icing sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon of nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 2-3 tablespoons eggnog, cream or milk

**Directions**

Make the batter. Using an electric mixer, beat butter, then beat in oil. Add both sugars, egg, and vanilla. Cut open one chai tea packet and empty the contents into batter. Again, mix well.

Stir in flour, baking soda, salt. Chill the soft dough about 1 hour or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease or line cookie sheet with parchment paper.

For large cookies, use 2 tablespoons of dough. Form into a ball. Place on prepared cookie sheet 2 inches apart. For smaller cookies use 1 tablespoon or a cookie scoop.

Press slightly with bottom of a glass. Generously sprinkle with sugar. Bake 12-14 minutes for large cookies or 8-10 minutes for smaller cookies, or until slightly golden. Don't overbake. Let cookies cool on baking sheet at least 10 minutes before transferring to racks to cool. (They are delicate at this stage.)

While cookies cool, prepare the icing.

Combine sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon. Adding eggnog/cream or milk a little at a time, stirring until smooth. Icing should be slightly thick, so it adheres to the cookies. Ice cookies and dust with extra cinnamon, if desired. Allow icing to harden before serving.

**Notes:**

- Dipping glass bottom in sugar prevents sticking.
- Icing is optional. Cookies taste fine on their own.
- Add food colouring for festive icing.
- Stored in an airtight container, cookies will keep 4 days. They can be frozen without the icing. Ice cookies after defrosting.

# Riley Keen on life in Japan

> From page 11

die in process. Akira Kurosawa said at 85 that he still didn't understand film. The greatest artist ever to point a camera didn't



Sky Tea House, Yame: "These are layers of rice paddies near where I stayed in Yame. The home looked down on rows of tea plants and rice paddies. I've never seen a more vibrant green."

understand it. He was still looking for that perfect shot. He was still in process. What I plan to present is my process. It's the only story I can tell.

"I'd say the 30-piece work is the best encapsulation of my time in Japan. It's the most honest. I think it best represents what I think of Japan and at the same time expresses myself the best. It's a mess but I love it."

Mr. Keen's reflections on his trip might make one think he has a rich understanding of life in Japan, but he would be quick to tell you he doesn't, and no one else from outside the country does either.

"If someone you know travels to Japan and comes home with an understanding of the Empire Island they're wrong," he said. "Japan is unexplainable. It's a remarkable place. Japan is not a vacation, it's a learning experience. It's a place to learn about oneself. Become better. It's not perfect but the people put in an effort."

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**Prepare for falling temperatures:** You don't want to be caught unprepared when the first snow falls! Make sure pet beds and blankets are still in good shape, and that your pet has appropriate outerwear and paw booties for protection against ice, salt, and snow.

**Watch for signs of joint pain:** Cooler temperatures are harder on senior pets and those with arthritis. Watch for symptoms such as a reluctance to be active and limping. Ask your veterinarian about nutritional supplements that could help.

**Keep your pet active:** Make sure your pet is still getting plenty of exercise to prevent obesity, even if it means engaging in more playtime indoors. With shorter days, gear up for outdoor walks after dark with reflective gear to ensure the safety of both you and your dog.

**Clean up antifreeze:** Antifreeze smells and tastes sweet, and it's highly poisonous to pets. Make sure any drips and spills are cleaned up right away.

**Keep toxic foods off the pet menu:** Festive foods are often loaded with fat, salt, or sugar, and should not be shared with pets. Sugar-free candy containing xylitol and chocolate goodies are particularly dangerous for your pets.

**Decorate responsibly:** With celebrations on the horizon, be thoughtful to your pets about where you place decorations that could be enticing for pets to chew on or eat.

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Pet owners can opt to have a photo printed onsite, and they will also be sent via email.

This is a fundraiser to help the animals in the shelter, as well as programs such as the Pet Food Bank run by the Humane Society that helps many in our community, especially at this time of year when some families find

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# Norfolk seeks public input on Fire Master Plan

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The Master Fire Plan will review existing fire services and assess how well they meet Norfolk's needs. It will also account for growth and analyze potential service demands. The plan will also conduct a gap analysis to determine where improvements may be needed.

Residents can play an essential role by completing a short online survey to help identify community priorities. The survey is open until Dec. 10. Residents can visit [engagenorfolk.ca/fire-department-community-survey](http://engagenorfolk.ca/fire-department-community-survey) or pick up a paper copy at any Norfolk County Public Library Branch, or ServiceNorfolk counter to learn more and participate.

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### Peter Dandeneau



DANDENEAU, Peter Joseph of Toronto, passed away at his residence on November 11, 2024, in his 66th year. Lovingly remembered by his family, Mary Margaret and Jonda, and very loyal friends and trivia pals, Leatrice, Dave, Doug, Tim, Sarah, Gary and Michael. Predeceased by his parents Paul and Kathleen. Peter worked as a high school teacher of history and world religions at Brebeuf and Brother Edmund Rice. He was a thoughtful brother and friend, with a great sense of humour. Peter's faith was a bedrock of who he was. A devout Catholic, generous with prayers, especially the Rosary and prayer cards. Peter was dedicated to the art of old-fashioned letter writing and was delighted to receive responses and correspondence in return. Go Habs, Go Blue Jays or Go Argos was part of his closing signature. In his youth, Peter enjoyed playing hockey in outdoor rinks and arenas and loved a good game of golf. He was a proud member of the Toronto Blue Jays grounds crew in the early '80s. He shared his musical gifts through guitar playing, song writing and singing. His curious nature about detail from the time he was a little boy, was fueled by a dime he found dating back to the early 1900s at Hay Creek Beach. His interest in Canadian history and coins of the world developed and helped lead him to become a successful player of trivia with his friends at the Firkin. A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Peter's life was held Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 11 a.m. at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, Lynn Park Ave., Port Dover. Father Pio Beorchia celebrant. A private family interment will take place at Marymount Cemetery, Guelph. For those wishing, donations to a charity of choice would be appreciated. Online condolences can be made at [www.thompsonwatersfuneralhome.com](http://www.thompsonwatersfuneralhome.com).

Rest in peace, beloved Peter. Go Habs, Go Jays, Go Argos!

### Karen Smith



SMITH, Karen Ann (nee Evans) of Port Dover passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by the love of her family on November 16, 2024, in her 82nd year. Predeceased by her beloved husband Colin. Cherished mother of Charlene Smith (Ronald Haantjes) of Carlisle, Carl Smith of Simcoe, and Colleen Smith of New Brunswick. Loving grandmother of Geoff Pleli (Jordan) and their children Keith and Blake. Dear sister of Diane Telfer, Jane Kapel, Miriam MacKenzie and Wendy Evans, all of Port Dover. She will be fondly remembered by many cousins, nieces, nephews, Colin's family and all other extended family. Karen was predeceased by her parents Kenneth and Reta Evans, granddaughter Brooke Smith, and siblings Dale Evans and Cindy Gaston. Karen was a longtime employee of Simcoe Leaf Tobacco and a former member of the Kinnette Club of Simcoe. She was an avid genealogist and spent many hours researching family connections.

In keeping with Karen's wishes, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life gathering will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Erie Beach Hotel, Harbour Hideaway, Walker Street, Port Dover. Arrangements have been entrusted to THOMPSON WATERS FUNERAL HOME, 519-583-1530 Port Dover. For those wishing donations to Grace United Church would be greatly appreciated. Online donations and/or condolences can be made at [www.thompsonwatersfuneralhome.ca](http://www.thompsonwatersfuneralhome.ca).

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## Dart League action

**WEEK 7** of Port Dover Dart League team results: Rebels 9, Doom 4; Double Knots 4, Smokers 9; PR Bombers 9, Dart Side 4; Tytans 9, EasyRiders 4; HammerHeads 6, Shooters 7.

With a score of 171, Wayne Fick of PR Bombers earned the men's high score title.

Women's high scorer with 140 was Shirley Goff of the Rebels team with Trish Dedrick of Easy Riders scoring 85 for the women's high out.

## HELP WANTED

### CUSTODIAN REQUIRED for Grace United Church

This is a part time contract position starting in January 2025.

#### Duties to include:

- general cleaning,
- snow removal,
- maintenance of church property,
- setting up & removal of equipment for events.

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**SILVER LAKE MARKET** weekly basket winner for November 23 was Nora Taylor of Port Dover. The Market is Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Patrick St., Port Dover.

## EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY

**FUN EUCHRE** - Port Dover Ladies Auxiliary Branch 158 are holding Fun Euchre every Wednesday at 1 p.m. \$3 to play. All welcome.

### THURSDAY

**COFFEE BREAK** each Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. hosted by St. John's Anglican Church (corner of St. John's Road & Hwy. 24 S., Simcoe). Join us for coffee/tea and goodies. Donation towards church's Wheelchair Accessibility Fundraiser. All welcome.

**PORT DOVER LEGION LADIES** will be serving dinner of Roast Beef on Thursday, November 28, from 5-7 p.m., \$15 per plate. Also spaghetti dinner \$12 per plate. Dessert \$2.00. Take-out available.

**FUN DARTS** Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. Port Dover Legion, Market St. East. All welcome.

### FRIDAY

**FUN EUCHRE** at St. John's. Come and join us for a fun night of Progressive Euchre every Friday night at 7 p.m. At St. John's Parish Hall, 879 Norfolk St. S., Simcoe. \$5 admission includes 10 games, prizes, plus a light lunch.

### SATURDAY

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**MEAT ROLLS** every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. All welcome. Port Dover Legion, 212 Market Street East.

## EVENTS

### SUNDAY

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON MUSIC FUN DAY** matinee on Sunday, December 1, from 2 to 6 p.m. with music by Atkinson Brothers at Port Dover Canadian Legion, Market St. E. All welcome.

**ANNUAL ECUMENICAL ADVENT WALK** is Sunday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. Come together to hear the Advent messages of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. The walk begins at St. Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church. Drive to St. Paul's Anglican Church, then walk to Grace United Church. Refreshments will be served in the Grace Community Hall, graciously hosted by Grace United Church Women. People of all faiths are welcome. Bring a battery-operated candle, if you have one.

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**Sunday, Dec. 1 at 3 pm**  
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 and

**Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:30 pm**  
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### TUESDAY

**TRAFFIC SAFETY** concerns meeting organized by Coun. Adam Veri on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 7-9 p.m. at Harbour Hideaway in the Erie Beach Hotel. Norfolk County's director of engineering Darnell Lambert, responsible for traffic management, and Norfolk CAO Al Meneses will respond to residents' traffic concerns.

## EVENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 302 St. George St., Port Dover, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items for sale: boxed cookies, fruit crisp, meat pies, homemade soup and jams, Christmas decorations, and Townsend Butchers gift certificates.

**MARBURG HALL'S CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG** on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 1:30 p.m. Marburg Hall, 1345 Lynn Valley Road, Port Dover. Celebrate the holidays by singing songs of the holiday season. Cookies and hot chocolate to follow. Everyone welcome. Admission by donation.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT.** An afternoon with The Gentlemen of Harmony. Held at St. James United Church, 150 Colborne St. S., Simcoe on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. Tickets \$15 available at church office or at the door.

**CONCERT - WOODHOUSE UNITED CHURCH** (Hwy. 6 & 24) presents the Tia and Tommy Annual Christmas Concert. Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m. This year the theme will be JOY. Tickets are \$25 each available by calling Lisa Jo at 519-428-2827.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** Tickets for the Lions' New Year's Eve Party at Port Dover Community Centre on sale now at Scotiabank on Main St., Port Dover Jewellery and Gifts, and Lions' Silver Lake Market. \$30 each (same price as last year). Last year tickets sold out 3 weeks early... don't wait! Music by Black Creek, late cold buffet, door prizes, champagne at midnight. Cash bar—an over-19 event. Free shuttle bus home (within Port Dover urban area).

## PUZZLES • Answers on page 16

### Sudoku

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	1	7								
	6					1				
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			9	4						

## Woodwork

### ACROSS

- 1 Montreal footballers, slangily
- 4 Coup d' \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 With wood, Alberta community
- 12 Aussie marsupial, affectionately
- 13 Big rig
- 14 Buffalo
- 15 With Wood, Saskatchewan hamlet
- 17 Canadian mil. unit
- 18 Contend
- 19 Royal frenchman
- 21 Pared
- 24 Evian, for one
- 25 Barley or rye feature
- 26 Rabble
- 28 With Wood, southern Ontario city
- 32 Overlay with wood
- 34 With wood, Saskatchewan community
- 36 Hawaiian skirt
- 37 With wood, Alberta hamlet
- 39 Ocean inlet
- 41 Imperial weight unit
- 42 Gotcha!
- 44 With Wood, southern Ontario community
- 46 With wood, Saskatchewan hamlet
- 50 Dove's call
- 51 Jai follower
- 52 Light strong metal
- 56 Defeat, in a way
- 57 Esprit
- 58 St John to Moncton dir.
- 59 Tattled, so to speak
- 60 Grow old
- 61 Obtain

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### DOWN

- 1 Coastal feature
- 2 John
- 3 Traveller's purchase
- 4 High regard
- 5 Darjeeling or oolong
- 6 Surrounded
- 7 Turner, and others
- 8 Hostile course
- 9 Go forward, in a way
- 10 Burt's babe, once
- 11 Mild expletive
- 16 None
- 20 Augments
- 21 South American rodent
- 22 Vessel
- 23 MD
- 27 Exclude
- 29 Surpassing
- 30 Wooden shoe
- 31 Golfer Lorie
- 33 Burdening
- 35 Pen part
- 38 One of the five Ws
- 40 Esoteric
- 43 Trod the boards
- 45 Charged particle
- 46 Goalie gear
- 47 Felipe or Moises
- 48 Onset
- 49 Kg
- 53 Weave
- 54 One, en francais
- 55 Encountered

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### Hats off to all the volunteers

I am writing today in rebuttal to last week's Sound Off submission about the businesses and events in Port Dover.

I too moved to this great community about 14 years ago. I can't speak to the businesses that come and go, but I will speak to the events such as ChristmasFest events and parade and Canada Day events.

I always find it interesting when someone criticizes events that are put on 100 per cent by volunteers.

Hats off to the VanHalte-rens for taking the volunteer initiative to dress up Main Street.

Hats off to all the volunteers who worked countless hours on ChristmasFest, many great photos in last week's paper.

Hats off to the Board of Trade for organizing and marshalling the parade, hiring the bands, processing the float applications, getting parade permits and for the fire on the beach and the list could go on.

As far as Canada Day goes,

I am on the Lions' Canada Day Committee. My Canada Day starts in September applying for a federal grant, then the search for the elusive marching bands, applying for permits, securing a fireworks provider, seeking corporate sponsorships, advertising, and more.

Other Lions' members are arranging for button sales, parade marshals, and countless other jobs. This work goes on all winter long and finishes with 30,000-40,000 people enjoying all the events of the day.

Hats off to the Kinsmen for running the Soap Box Derby year after year.

In conclusion, if the Sound Off submitter wants a better Port Dover, I suggest he/she should consider volunteering themselves. I'm sure either the Board of Trade or the Lions would welcome the help. Feel free to contact me directly.

**Alan Strang**  
Marketing & Communications  
Port Dover Lions Club  
[info@portdoverlions.ca](mailto:info@portdoverlions.ca)

### Lions value new members

FOR a couple of years, I wanted to join the Port Dover Lions. I had heard that they did great things in Port Dover. I loved their slogan "We Serve." I wanted to be part of this organization. I asked a couple of people about joining but was told you needed to be asked by a current member. So I waited. Then I spoke to a Lion at the Silver Lake Market. I was told that all you had to do was get a member to sponsor you. That I did,

and was happy to join such an amazing club that helps so many people and groups.

Since then I have been happy "To Serve."

The Lions Club has truly served Port Dover.

We value new members. All members would be happy to sponsor you. Contact any of our members and we will assist you to be a Lion or a Leo.

**Nigel Kean**  
Port Dover Lions Club

# Sound Off

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In response to the individual who wrote in about our mayor not inviting MPP Brady to the municipal west conference outside of Norfolk County... are you for real? I didn't realize we expected our mayor to be the MPP's administrative assistant. It's fairly obvious the article highlighted members of a sitting government with a ministry to represent. Maybe Norfolk should have an elected a member of a productive government.

A Sound Off caller is upset with Microsoft that a planned update next October won't work on his old computer, rendering the machine garbage a year from now. Crocodile tears. This same person would likely be more upset with Microsoft if a virus got into their computer and eliminated all their files, stole their banking information, and sent a bunch of spam emails to all their contacts. Times change. Try and keep up.

I just want to remind the person who says things in town are not what they used to be 14 years ago that we've lived through a pandemic that basically closed the world down for a couple years. Already, it's hard to remember just how difficult those times were for everyone. You want things to improve? Get your friends together and make some plans for a community event, then call a meeting and see who else will help make it happen. I'd love to come to your new festival. In the meantime, I'm volunteering with some of the past festivals helping to get them back up to strength.

Everything about ChristmasFest was great. It brings a lot of joy to many people of all ages. You can feel the good vibes all over town. To the person who thinks this parade is less impressive and not growing as big as other parades, feel free to head to the

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### Boat owner responds

FOR the person who wrote into Sound Off and called marina boat owners entitled. An entitled person is someone who:

- believes they deserve special treatment, privileges, or additional resources;
- thinks rules don't apply to them;
- feels they deserve success, happiness, and respect without having to work for it;
- is often unwilling to acknowledge or appreciate the contributions of others;
- has a sense of deservingness not based on what others would consider good reasons;
- holds the belief that they deserve more than others, even when they aren't objectively better;
- exhibits entitlement as an enduring personality trait.

My husband and I worked hard to be able to buy a boat when we retired. We obey the rules and don't believe anyone owes us anything. We don't believe we deserve anything more than what we worked for.

Finally, over the years we have paid our fees at the marina, most of that money has gone to reduce increases in property taxes for Port Dover residents.

Sharon Lipsit, Port Dover

# Sound Off

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Santa Claus Parade in Toronto which, by the way, CityNews reported might not be around next year and has a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$250,000 to cover its deficit from a lack of sponsors. Go figure.

I miss my daily walk to the Post Office. It's always more bills and flyers than cards and letters but that little trip each day keeps me going. I see the post office workers picketing in front of the post office and I support them getting a fair settlement, which I hope comes quickly.

The television news just reported that rates on the toll highway 407 are going up. Motorcycles will be charged less than cars and commercial vehicles. Which in turn, an idea was hatched—the county-owned public marina that the people of Norfolk County are all invited to enjoy could do the same at the boat ramp. Kayaks have no oil, no fuel and run on power of the person and they could be launched for free. Small boats and large boats could be charged according to size and weight. What do you think Norfolk County people?

It's promising to read the beachgoers were better behaved this year. I still can't believe it costs us taxpayers almost \$80,000 to maintain the beach, a quarter of which is enforcement to get people to use common sense in a public place. I also noticed about \$30,000 goes to beach cleaning, litter barrels and a disposal bin. That's \$30,000 to clean up people's garbage they leave behind. That's ridiculous. I've seen the overflowing garbage pails at the end of Walker Street after a beautiful beach day where people have left beach chairs, toys, take-out garbage, coolers and more.

I would just like to say Main Street looks so lovely with the street poles wrapped with lights and wreaths lit up for Christmas. Along with the Elmer Lewis Parkette and Powell Park lights, our town is shining and showing our Christmas spirit. I recommend anyone take a walk down the street after dusk and enjoy these beautiful lights.

A woman was taken to court. The judge asks, "What were you charged for?" The woman replied, "Doing my Christmas shopping too early." When the judge asked her how early, she replied, "Before the store opened."

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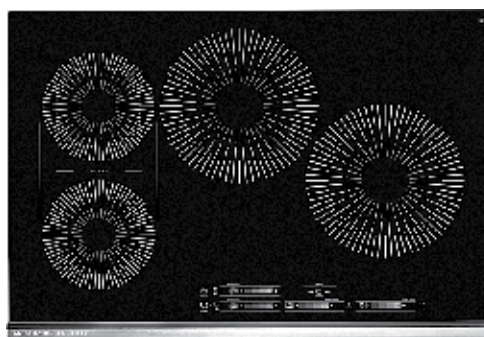


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